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1. MARCH 29 CONSULTATION DEVELOPED ALONG LINES FORECAST REF A. YRIART, ADG DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, BRIEFED PARTICIPANTS ON EFFORTS TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED TO MEET EMERGENCY, MEDIUM TERM, AND LONG RANGE NEEDS. HE REPORTED SIX AFFLICTED COUNTRIES HAVE DECLARED SITUATION DISASTROUS AND ASKED UPPER VOLTA SERVE AS COORDINATOR AREA NEEDS AND ASSISTANCE. AT YRIART' S REQUEST DR. TEMPLE, ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH DIVISION FAO, REPORTED LIVESTOCK SITUATION AND DISPATCH FIELD TASK FORCE (FUNDED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDP PROJECT) INVESTIGATE AND REPORT IMMEDIATE NEEDS. DR. BETHKE, PROJECT MANAGEMENT, WFP, SPOKE CONCERNING EFFORTS MEET HUMAN NEEDS AND COORDINATE SHIPMENTS AND PORT ARRIVALS NEXT THREE MONTHS. LATTER ALSO SPOKE CONCERNING FAO- WFP EFFORTS IMPROVE " EARLY WARNING SYSTEM" IN ATTEMPT PREVENT OR ALLEVIATE FUTURE SITUATIONS THIS TYPE.

2. IN GENERAL OTHER PARTICIPANTS PRESSED FAO QUICKLY IDENTIFY SPECIFIC ITEMS OR TYPES OF ASSISTANCE WHICH THEIR GOVERNMENTS MIGHT CONSIDER SUPPLYING. THEY EMPHASIZED NECESSITY FAO BECOME AWARE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE ALL DONATIONS TO ZONE IN ORDER AVOID DUPLICATION. IBRD QUESTION, " WHAT SPECIFICALLY SHOULD WE DO?", EXPRESSED GENERALLY BY OTHERS. THEY SUPPORTED U. S. SUGGESTION FAO CALL ADDITIONAL MEETING WHEN COORDINATORY SCHEVVEN RETURNS FROM ZONE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 20 AND BEFORE HE VISITS DONOR CAPITALS AS SUGGESTED BY YRIAT IN INTRODUCTION. FAO AGREED ADDITIONAL MEETING AT THAT TIME BUT EXPRESSED DESIRE ALSO MEET SOONER IF, AS IS EXPECTED, TASK FORCE REPORTS SPECIFIC ITEMS URGENTLY REQUIRED IN ORDER SAVE EXISTING LIVESTOCK.

3. COORDINATION BETWEEN FAO AND WFP AND WITH OTHER AGENCIES MUCH DISCUSSED. HARTMANS, WHO CHAIRS FAO INTER- DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP SAID DECLARATION AS DISASTER AREA NOW MAKES TOTAL UN EFFORTS POSSIBLE. UN ITSELF, DISASTER RELIEF COORDINATOR- GENEVA, WHO, ETC. OBVIOUSLY CAN PLAY HEAVY ROLES. FAO WILL DO BEST KEEP ALL INTERESTED PARTIES INFORMED.

4. REPS BELGIUM, GERMANY, FRANCE, US, CANADA SPOKE CONCERNING THEIR GOVERNMENTS ASSISTANCE ZONE AND WILLINGNESS CONSIDER WHAT ELSE MIGHT BE DONE. SWEDEN, NORWAY, SWITZERLAND AND BANK REPS EXPRESSED INTEREST. ALL EMPHASIZED NEED INFO AS CITED PARA 2 ABOVE AS REGARDS BOTH SHORT AND LONG TERM ASSISTANCE. THIS MESSAGE CLEARLY RECEIVED BY SECRETARIAT. YRIART PROMISED FULLEST PARTICIPATION HEADQUARTERS, REGIONAL OFFICES, AND COUNTRY LEVEL STAFF.

5. NIGER REP, A VETERINARIAN WITH 27 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ZONE SAID PRESENT SITUATION FAR SURPASES ANY OF FOUR OTHER DROUGHTS WHICH HE HAS EXPERIENCED IN NIGER IN HIS 52 YEARS. PRESIDENT SENEGAL, PRESENT AT FAO DURING MEETING FOR DISCUSSION WITH DG, SENT HIS COUNTRY' S APPRECIATION TO CONSULTATION GROUP AND PROMISED FULLEST COOPERATION WITH SCHEYVEN. LATTER WAS PRESENT AND SPOKE UNCLASSIFIED

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LAST. CONFINED COMMENTS TO WILLINGNESS MAKE GREATEST EFFORT

ESTABLISH POLITICAL CLIMATE NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS WITHIN ZONE
AND TO DO ALL POSSIBLE PROMOTE CONTRIBUTIONS AND COORDINATION.
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